

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

B-4203

REVIEW SHEET

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 660 WASHINGTON BLVD., BALTIMORE, MARYLAND Project No.: _____

Historic District: RIDGELY'S DELIGHT
3-15-88 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State

3-15-88 date complete information received by State _____

_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____

Inspection of property by State staff? ☒ no _____ yes date(s): _____

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

_____ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

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This property involves:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric | _____ Obscured or covered elevation(s) |
| _____ Substantial alterations over time | _____ Moved property |
| _____ Preliminary determination of listing | _____ State recommendation inconsistent with NR |
| _____ for district | _____ documentation |
| _____ for individual property | _____ Recommendation different from the applicant's |
| _____ Significance less than 50 years old | _____ request |

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as 19TH CENTURY

(2) The property ☒ contributes _____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:

☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials ☒ workmanship ☒ feeling _____ association
_____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:

- _____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.
- _____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.
- _____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:

A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:

- _____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)
- _____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____.
- _____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.
- _____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.
- _____ Other, explain:

B. Evaluation of the property:

- _____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation
- _____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register
- Criteria for Evaluation: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
- Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:

- _____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.
- _____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT CIRCA 1840, THIS HOUSE IS TYPICAL OF THE TOWNHOUSES BUILT DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

RECENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXTERIOR HAVE INCLUDED THE CLEANING OF BRICK MASONRY, REPLACEMENT OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR WINDOW SASH AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FRONT DOOR.

INTERIOR CHANGES INCLUDED THE REMOVAL OF SOME WOOD TRIM, PLASTER AND MANTELS. SOME WALLS HAVE BEEN FURRED OUT TO RECEIVE INSULATION.

EVEN THOUGH THIS STRUCTURE HAS BEEN ALTERED RECENTLY, IT CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT THROUGH ITS FORM AND PLACEMENT IN THE STREETScape.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAT,

a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

4-4-88
Date


State Official Signature

☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received.
Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: _____
Address of property: Street 660 Washington Blvd.
City Baltimore County _____ State MD Zip 21230
Name of historic district: Ridgely's Delight Historic District
☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Lisa K. Jensen, Preservation Director, The French Company, Inc.
Street Wheaton Plaza Office Bldg. N., Suite 403 City Wheaton
State MD Zip 20902 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 462-4900

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name _____ Signature Jay T. French Date 2/24/88
Organization 660 Washington Blvd. Ltd. Partnership General Partner
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number pending
Street c/o The French Company, Inc. See Above City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Telephone Number _____

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

See Attachments

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

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CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1**

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Property Name

660 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230

Property Address

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance:

This three-story brick house is three bays wide. Each of the openings is topped with a splayed jack arch. The brick on the front facade has been cleaned and new window sash have been installed. A previous owner began renovation work, but stopped after partially completing the project. The house retains its marble steps and some of its interior features, such as the dark marble mantel in the livingroom, wooden trim and balustrade with newel on the second floor.

Date of Construction: c. 1840

Source of Date:

Date(s) of Alteration(s): early 1980s and unknown date before for removal of wall separating two front rooms

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

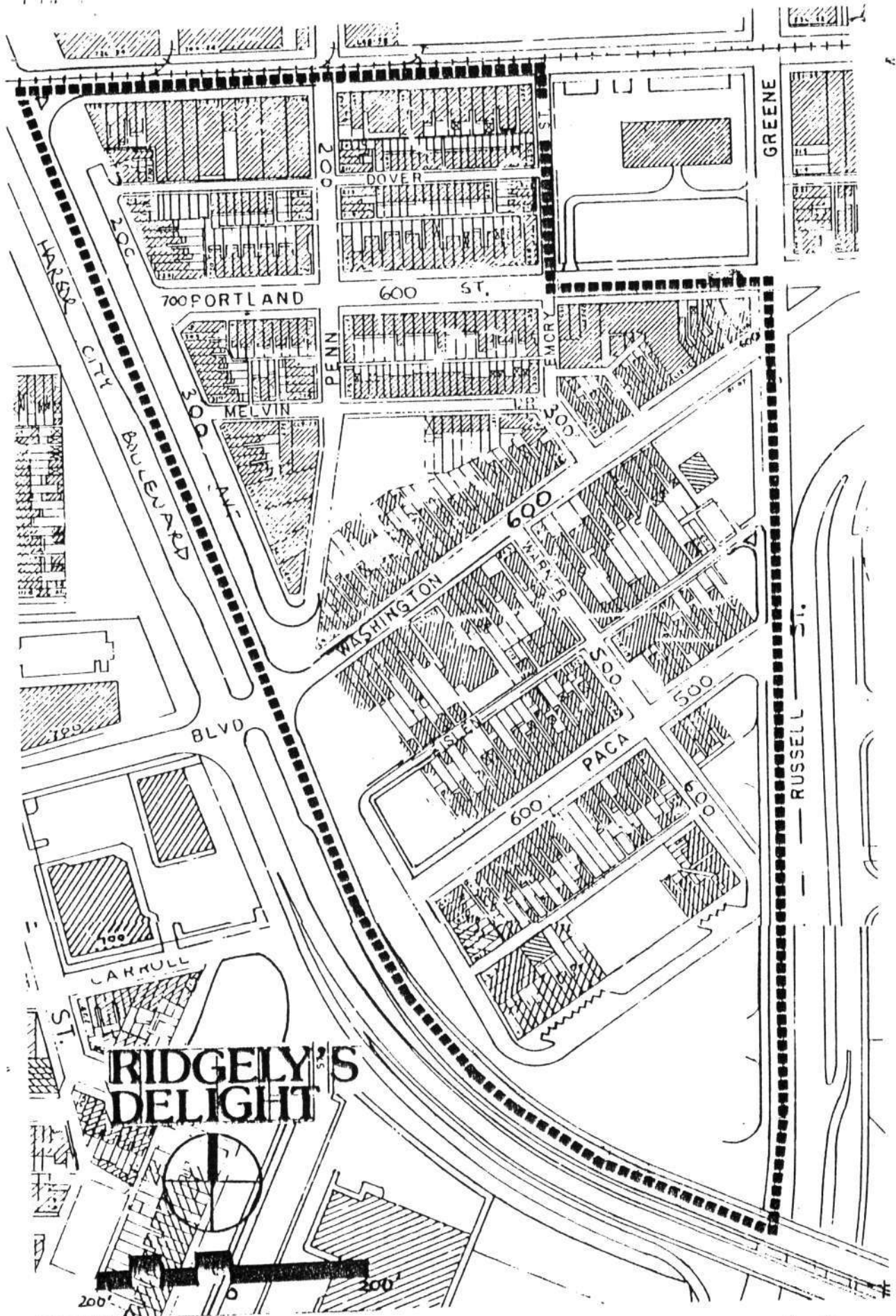
Statement of significance:

This house is typical of the rowhouses built in Ridgely's Delight during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Its jack arches and window proportions are characteristic features in addition to the gabled roof form and the ell extending off the rear. The fine mortar joints and marble mantel indicate the structure was built for someone above the working class, but the plain trim and unadorned plaster restrain the structure from being considered an upper class residence. Since Ridgely's Delight is known for its mixture of working, middle, and upper class residences, this house falls into the social and economic mix of the neighborhood. Despite the alterations made by previous owners, the house clearly retains its integrity of form and is an integral part of the streetscape.

Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Additional sheets attached: ☐ yes ☒ no



RIDGELY'S DELIGHT BALTIMORE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT 10/19/79
 RIDGELY'S DELIGHT NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT 6/6/80

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1. Front facade



2. Washington Blvd. streetscape looking east.